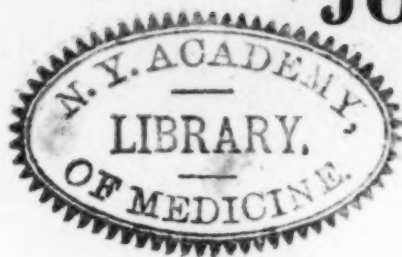


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PREFACE.

IN terminating the fifth volume of the Journal of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, we gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity to make a few observations on the subject of the work itself, and the difficulties which have been overcome in presenting it to its patrons at the stated periods. Without arrogating to ourselves any praise, we would draw attention to the visible improvement that has gradually taken place in its contents; as besides a great increase in the number and value of original articles, it presents an abstract of most of the interesting matter contained in the foreign journals, which is in any way connected with pharmaceutical science, and we can confidently assert that it affords more valuable chemical information than is to be met with in any other periodical work in this country.

The difficulties attendant on its publication have been of the most discouraging nature, as besides the want of punctuality in too many of the subscribers, the publication committee have experienced the greatest unwillingness on the part of the pharmaceutical profession to benefit others by a communication of the results of their observation and experience. In fact, the existence of the Journal has depended in a great measure on the personal exertions of the committee, and it will be perceived on a reference to its pages, that for a majority of the original articles we have been indebted to distinguished individuals, not enrolled in our ranks.

The great object has been to render the Journal, an eminently practical work, but this it has been impossible to ac-

compleish, deprived as it has been of the aid of those from whom alone the materials for this purpose are to be obtained. It is hoped, however, that this will not in future be the case, and that the members of the College, and others engaged in pharmaceutical pursuits will enable the committee of publication to render the work under their charge, still more worthy of patronage.

In conclusion; we would draw the attention of our readers to the proposal made by our learned contributor Mr. H. D. Rogers, to analyse the mineral waters of the United States, and to publish the results of his examination in this Journal. Any specimens of mineral water transmitted to the editor, will be handed to Mr. Rogers for this purpose; and we would suggest to our correspondents that a short account of the spring from whence the water is taken would add much to the interest and value of their communications.

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